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I did not find anything startling on this trip, insofar as exotics are concerned, but I did locate H. liliflorus, H. fragilis and H. Genevii, on Mauritius. These are three true species - at least the first two are - and while they have been lost to cultivation for about 40 years, that is, in the wild, I found two plants of each in an old garden on the island. These were used quite extensively in India, Singapore and China in the early days, and are doubtless progenitors of H. rosa sinensis. I'll send you a paper on this - in the form of a letter to Gordon Dun - in a few days. It is being copied now.

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